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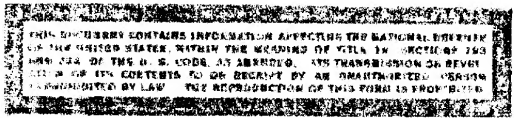
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[redacted] the 1953 Diesel oil production would lag about 5 percent behind schedule. [redacted] this was mainly due to the temporary breakdown in the cracking plant or VAB Isarverarbeitungs- werk (tar processing plant) at Rositz where a fire had been caused by defective tubing. [redacted] troubles had also been experienced in the other Diesel oil works where plant facilities were overburdened, and that the planned increase in the production of Diesel oil was therefore impossible. [redacted] a gradual decrease of gasoline production in favor of the production of Diesel oil production could be observed in East Germany. Since there were marketing difficulties for gasoline, the Council of Ministers proposed to end the rationing of gasoline and to sell it at 1.70 to 2.00 eastmarks per liter. This information was confirmed by the chief of the Main Department for Materials Supply.

Comment. In 1952, Rositz produced a total of 131,510 tons of fuel including 22,015 tons of gasoline; 3,225 tons of testing gasoline; 79,152 tons of Diesel oil; and 27,118 tons of motor fuel. 1953 schedules provide for a total of 134,420 tons of fuel including 25,520 tons of gasoline; 80,000 tons of Diesel fuel; and 28,900 tons of motor fuel.

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